GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2498
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
HIGH INFANT MORTALITY RATE
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infant mortality rate in the country is still very high as compared to the infant mortality rate in other developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to bring down the infant mortality rate during the last two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The estimated Infant Mortality Rate for India and some of the neighbouring countries, as per the `State of the World Population, 1999` is given in Annexure-I.

(b) The provisional estimates of the Infant Mortality Rate for the year 1999 for the Major States as per the Sample Registration System are at Annexure-II.

(c) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme immunisation against six vaccine preventable diseases, control of deaths due to diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections, provision of essential newborn care, prophylaxis against Vitamin A and Iron deficiency are being provided to reduce the infant mortality rate.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2498 TO BE ANSW ON 14.3.2001.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

Developing Countries	Infant Mortality Rate
Afghanistan	152
Bangladesh	79
India	72
Nepal	83
Pakistan	74
Srilanka	18
Less developed regions	63

Source : The State of the World Population 1999

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA
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INFANT MORTALITY RATE-1999 (Provisional)

(Major States)

States	Infant Mortality Rate
Andhra Pradesh	66
Assam	76
Bihar	66
Gujarat	63
Haryana	68
Karnataka	58
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	91
Maharashtra	48
Orissa	97
Punjab	53
Rajasthan	81
Tamil Nadu	52
Uttar Pradesh	84
West Bengal	52

Source: Sample Registration System